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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

TO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO NIACT IMMEDIATE

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USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

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AFDROUGHT

FOR JTF COMDR HARP

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: MAURITANIA AIRLIFT

REF: BAMAKO 3218 (DTG 231442Z SEP 74)

1. REFTEL RECEIVED HERE 1700 ZULU, TOO LATE CONTACT MINHEALTH WHO, LIKE OTHER GIRM OFFICIALS, CELEBRATING RAMADAN FAST WITH SHORTENED WORKDAY. AM STILL ATTEMPTING CONTACT MINISTER AT HOME. MEANWHILE, YOU SHOULD DELAY START ANY OPERATION TO AIOUN UNTIL AT LEAST SEPTBMER 25. IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST TWO WORKING DAYS, AND PROBABLY LONGER, TO NOTIFY LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF ANY NEW AIRLIFT DESTINATION AND FOR THEM TO MAKE PREPARATIONS NECESSARY OFF-LOADING, STORAGE, GROUND TRANSPORT FACILITIES. WILL INFORM YOU IMMEDIATELY I HAVE CONTACTED MINISTER.

2. MEANWHILE, RECOMMEND YOU FOLLOW THROUGH WITH PLANS DROP LIGHT
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GRAIN LOAD AT NEMA IF POSSIBLE SEPTEMBER 25 AND CONTINUE ON TO

NOUAKCHOTT FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTER, AND WITH ASECNA/
CIVILAIR OFFICIALS WHO MAY BE ABLE ASSIST REPAIR TO NEMA
RUNWAY. PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ETA ENABLE US ARRANGE MEETINGS AND
15 MT RETURN CARGO.

3. GIRM CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR INFORMS HE AWARE SERIOUS RUNWAY
DETERIORATION AT NEMA. ASECNA, WHO RESPONSIBLE ALONG WITH GIRM
FOR RUNWAY MAINTENANCE, HAS TODAY DISPATCHED SUPERVISORY
TECHNICIAN TO NEMA OVERSEE RUNWAY REPAIRS BY LOCAL LABOR. CIVAIR
REQUESTS YOU TRANSPORT FOLLOWING FROM BAMAKO: 6 BARRELS (55 GAL
DRUMS) "COLSON" OR SIMILAR BITUMINOUS ASPHALT PRODUCT, TWO
TONS CEMENT AND 8 MANUAL COMPACTING TOOLS. FUNDS PAY FOR ABOVE
AVAILABLE FROM NEMA GOVERNOR OR FROM ASECNA. IF LATTER MEANS
PAYMENT NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, EMBASSY BAMAKO AUTHORIZED
ISSUE BON DE COMMAND FOR PURCHASES PAYABLE FROM DROUGHT R&R
TRANSPORT/STORAGE FUNDS ON DEPOSIT BIAO NOUAKCHOTT. ADVISE ON
ALL ABOVE.
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